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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of )

Dinsmore et al. )

Application No. 09/836,238 )

Filed: 04/18/2001 )

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
KEY DISTRIBUTION IN A HIERARCHICAL  
TREE )

Group Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: Laforgia, C.

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After <u>Amendment</u>	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OR	LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	30 -	25	05	X25 = \$	OR	X50 = \$ 250
INDEP CLAIMS	05 -	05	00	X100 = \$	OR	X200 = \$0
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$0		\$0
TOTAL				\$		\$250.00

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Applicant(s) hereby petition for a month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1351.

Enclosed is our Check No. in the amount of \$ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees. If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NA11P090). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for billing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zilka-Kotab, PCKevin J. Zilka  
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2004, please enter the  
following amendments believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.

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